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product issuing therefrom, the separation finger having
an extended position in which the separation finger is extended into the stream of
web product issuing from the rotating roll; and
a retracted position in which the separation finger is retracted from the stream of
web product issuing from the rotating roll;
wherein the separation finger is mounted for simultaneous translation and rotation
with respect to the rotating roll between the extended and retracted positions.


REMARKS

The amendments presented above are submitted further to the January 30, 2000 telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned Applicant's Representative. In this conversation, the Examiner suggested the addition of text to the claims clarifying the application of the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Applicant hereby amends all three pending independent claims 1, 13, and 23 to further clarify that the present application is used in the field of web processing in which a roll upon which the web is conveyed rotates to deliver a stream of web product (which can be stacked, folded, etc. downstream of the roll).

In view of the above amendment and remarks, and further in view of the response filed on January 24, 2000, it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art, that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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